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MIGHTY BATTLE SOUTH OF LODZ

CLOSE TO HALF A MILLION MEN TAKING PART IN GREAT STRUGGLE

NO CHANGES IN POSITIONS

Interest Shifts From Flanders to Lorraine on the Western Front.

(By Associated Press.)

Germans and Russians are engaged in a mighty battle south of Lodz, in Russian Poland, and along a line from Głowno, northeast of Lodz, to the Vistula river. The front extends for some 40 or 50 miles and probably close to half a million men are taking part in the desperate encounters which at some places are at the bayonet's point.

The Siberian troops are showing tireless aggression, charging batteries and moving swiftly up to hand-to-hand fighting. Villages have been burned and the countryside is reported strewn with the bodies of dead and wounded. Losses have been great.

The new line, which the Germans are forming, after their attempt against the Russian center, stretches from Kutno on the north, to Cracow on the south. Here another series of operations is impending.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—There have been no material changes in the positions of the belligerents either the eastern or western fronts during the last 24 hours. Fighting has continued, but it would seem as though on both fronts the vast armies have been engaged largely in making preparations for new tactics.

Here and there heavy shelling and infantry attacks have occurred, all of which, however, were more in the nature of feelers than a serious design in the way of an offensive or for the purpose of an advance.

In Poland the Germans, whose daring stroke to penetrate the Russian center apparently has failed with heavy losses, according to Petrograd reports, are forming a new line, extending roughly from Kutno, in the north, to Cracow, in the south. The right or southern wing of this army, which rests on Cracow, is commanded by General Dankl. He is supported on the north by General Hetzenдорф, whose army is based on Czenstochowa, while the new army sent from the west fills the gap between this force and General Mackensen's army, which after extricating itself from the Russian machine, now is in a new position extending from Kutno southward. The eighth East Prussian army presumably has taken up the northern part of the line.

Thus it will be seen that an entirely new battle is about to be fought, for the Germans are determined at all costs to keep the Russians out of their territory. The English correspondents are confining themselves to reports of the previous battle around Lodz, described as the most sanguinary of the war.

On the western front interest shifts from Flanders to Lorraine and upper Alsace. There has been little fighting in that part of Belgium still held by the Allies and the French have taken some old German trenches which has given rise to a belief that the Germans will fall back to new positions.

Operations of more serious import are taking place on the borders of Alsace-Lorraine. In Upper Alsace the French apparently have made considerable progress and they also are making desperate efforts to sever communications of the German force holding St. Mihiel on the Meuse.

Everywhere, however, siege warfare prevails and for the most part gains extend hardly more than a hundred yards.

In the near east similar conditions prevail and nothing has occurred which might be termed a battle.

Naval warfare so far as northern waters are concerned has been postponed by reason of the weather, which has been severe.

Members of Cabinet Returning to Paris

(By Associated Press.)
BORDEAUX, via Paris, Dec. 5.—(6:40 p. m.)—Members of the French cabinet are returning to Paris, where it is expected the government will be reestablished soon. Aristide Briand, minister of justice, left for Paris today. Alexandre Ribot, Louis F. Malvy, and Gaston Doumergue, minister of finance, the interior and colonies respectively, will leave tomorrow. M. M. Sorot, Guadet and Thomson will go Monday.

No date has been announced for the return of President Poincaré but it is thought he will leave Bordeaux early next week.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS NORFOLK

Tidewater Virginia Experiences Highest Tide Since 1888

(By Associated Press.)

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 5.—Tidewater Virginia today experienced what is said to have been the severest northeast storm and highest tide since 1888. In this city the wind attained a velocity of 42 miles an hour and a number of streets near the water front were inundated. In one street rowboats were used to transport citizens.

Shipping and particularly small craft in Hampton Roads and lower Chesapeake Bay suffered. The passenger steamer Pennsylvania, of the New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk fleet, collided with the pier at Old Point Comfort and sustained damage to her bow. However, she was able to continue her voyage to Cape Charles. Cape Henry reported that two unidentified barges broke away from a tug and one of them went ashore near Lynnhaven Bay. The beach from Hampton to Buckroe is reported to be literally strewn with small boats which were driven ashore.

At Fortress Monroe the high seas broke over the sea wall and the plaza in front of the old part of the fort was inundated. Some of the streets of Hampton also are reported here as being flooded.

ENDS OWN LIFE BY JUMPING INTO SEA

Passenger on American Steamship Arapahoe Jumps Overboard Near Charleston.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 4.—A passenger on the American steamship Arapahoe, registered as F. W. Tibbets, of Peabody, Mass., jumped into the sea and was drowned off Diamond Shoals lightship Thursday afternoon. The tragedy was not known here today with the arrival of the Arapahoe.

Only one passenger and one member of the crew saw the man jump overboard. The alarm was immediately sounded and a life preserver was thrown in the direction of Tibbets. It fell short and, according to members of the crew, he made no effort to reach it. A life boat was manned, but Tibbets sank before he could be reached.

Efforts to recover the body were abandoned because of the fog. Papers in Tibbets' stateroom indicated he was a member of the Alepo Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Boston.

PEABODY, Mass., Dec. 4.—Frederick W. Tibbets, who was reported in dispatches from Charleston S. C. tonight to have jumped overboard from the steamer Arapahoe, left here Wednesday. He had said he expected to obtain work at a Florida resort.

Reward is Offered For Murderers

(By Associated Press.)
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 4.—A reward of one thousand dollars was offered today by Mrs. A. A. Boggs for the arrest and conviction of persons who are supposed to have murdered her husband and daughter November 25 in their home near here. The city of Miami also has offered a reward of \$500. The charred bodies of Mr. Boggs and his daughter were found in the ruins of their home soon after the fire was discovered. The coroner's jury which investigated the case adjourned Wednesday after declaring that death had been due to unknown causes.

Body of 10-Year-Old Girl Found in Church

(By Associated Press.)
SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 5.—The body of a ten-year-old girl, who had been strangled by means of a cord, was found in a German Lutheran church here today.

The dead child, Margaret Millings, was to meet half a dozen of her companions at the church to make doll dresses for Christmas. She arrived ahead of them. The other little girls were frightened by finding a trail of blood stains which led them to Margaret's body in the basement. David Fontaine, janitor of the church, was arrested.

Accounts of Bank \$16,224.93 Short

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 5.—The accounts of the Bank of Caswell, at Milton, N. C., which closed its doors November 23, are short \$16,224.93, according to a statement given out here today by State Bank Examiner Hubbard E. Hines, Jr., cashier of the bank. Disappeared November 23, leaving a note stating his accounts were short. It is said, together with a practically complete list of the items of the shortage.

LIQUOR GREATEST CAUSE OF VICE

REPORT OF COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING VICE PROBLEM IN WISCONSIN

FINES SHOULD BE ABOLISHED

The Wage Question Has No Material Relation to a Girl's Downfall.

(By Associated Press.)

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 5.—Fifteen months study and investigation of the vice problem in Wisconsin by the legislative anti-vice committee resulted in radical proposals for law enforcement and better social conditions, summarized in an exhaustive report which was filed with the secretary of state today.

The greatest cause of commercialized vice, the report says, is the use of intoxicating liquor. Contributory causes are public dance halls, road houses, poorly lighted parks and public places, lack of responsibility by parents, non-enforcement of laws by public officials, lack of public amusements and recreation facilities and automobiles. The committee found that the wage question had no material relation to a girl's downfall.

The committee recommends, among other things: That a morals court be established in cities of the first class with exclusive jurisdiction over all cases involving offenses.

That a law similar to the Mann act, applicable between cities, villages and towns of the State be enacted.

That a permanent State police department be established in this State with power to investigate immoral practices and that local communities organize private associations to assist in the enforcement of laws.

That the sale of liquor be prohibited within, or in connection with dance halls.

That a liquor license be automatically revoked upon a plea of guilty or conviction.

That all hotels, rooming and lodging houses be required to secure licenses; that they keep permanent registers of the names of all guests with penalties for using fictitious names.

That the publicity of ownership be established by requiring the names of owners on the front of all hotels and rooming houses.

That the age of consent be raised from 14 years in the case of any female, and 18 years in the case of a female of a previous chaste character, to 18 and 21 respectively.

That an industrial home for women be established equipped with hospital facilities for treatment of diseases, women convicted of immoral practices to be committed thereto for treatment and retraining.

That in cities of the first three classes, special classes for subnormal children be established in the public schools and that where necessary the State furnish free textbooks, meals and clothing to make compulsory education effective.

That social neighborhood centers be developed in connection with the school system.

That municipalities provide supervised amusements, particularly concerts, moving picture shows, etc.

NEW REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT IN MEXICO

VILLA AND CARRANZA GOVERNMENTS DENOUNCED IN PROCLAMATION

CLAIM SUPPORT IN ALL SECTIONS

Movement Denounced by Villa and Carranza Followers as a Reactionary Attempt.

(By Associated Press.)

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 5.—A new revolutionary movement has been started in Mexico, according to copies of a proclamation received here today and signed by Jose Inez Salazar and Emilio P. Campa, former federal generals.

The two generals were reported at the head of the troops in central Chihuahua and about to attack Casas Grandes, a strategic point southwest of Juarez and west of Chihuahua City.

The proclamation denounced both the Carranza and the Villa governments. It said a convention form of government would be established by the new party. Support in all parts of Mexico was claimed. The document was dated at Vado de Piedra, Chihuahua, November 25. This was a few days after General Salazar escaped from jail at Albuquerque, N. M., where he was held on a parjura charge.

Both Salazar and Campa were chiefs under Huerta, together with General Pascual Orozco, who is reported in New York conferring with agents of the former Huerta government, and it is asserted, attempting to purchase war munitions. The new movement is denounced by both Villa and Carranza followers as a reactionary attempt.

The Villa commander at Casas Grandes appealed today for 500 troops to reinforce his garrison of 100. It was said Salazar was near with more than 300 men. Villa forces in northern Mexico have been depleted greatly by the movement of the convention troops into Mexico City, only small garrisons remaining.

Carranza agents assert that Obregon and Gonzalez troops are about to begin an aggressive movement along each coast and along the border.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

CONVENES IN CITADEL SQUARE BAPTIST CHURCH CHARLESTON, TUESDAY

DELEGATES FROM EVERY COUNTY

Provision Has Been Made For Entertainment of More Than 350 Delegates.

Special to the Intelligencer.
CHARLESTON, Dec. 5.—The Baptist State Convention will meet in the Citadel Square Baptist church in this city Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. There will be about 350 delegates from every county in the State. The Baptist convention represents the largest denomination in the State, having nearly 150,000 members. No other denomination in the State has even two-thirds as many communicants.

The Baptists not only form a large and influential portion of the citizenship of the State, but in their educational and benevolent institutions maintain a work second to none. In missionary work, the Baptists of South Carolina lead all others in their labor within the State. The State mission board employs more than 100 men and 40 women, who labor where there are no Baptist churches or very weak ones, and in the cotton belt.

General J. W. Gray Dies in Greenville

GREENVILLE, S. C., Dec. 5.—General J. W. Gray died here today. He was one of the most prominent men in South Carolina politics in reconstruction days. He was one of the few remaining members of the famous "Wallace House," which in 1876 withdrew from the State capitol and held sessions on Carolina Hill at Columbia, until President Hayes recognized the late Colonel Wade Hampton as governor.

BIG GIRL OF WEST IS UNDER ARREST

CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTING TO BRIBE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

BLACKMAIL SAYS COL. ALEXANDER

Offered to Divide if Officials Would Assist in Extorting \$50,000 From Millionaire.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie E. Cope, accused of Colonel Charles Alexander, a Providence, R. I., millionaire, under the white slave act, was arrested here today charged with attempting to bribe government officials in Chicago to aid her in blackmailing Alexander out of \$50,000. Alexander, 65 years old, and married, was arrested at Providence yesterday.

The public had its first view of the woman when she was arraigned before United States Commissioner Mason, who held her on the bribery charge, and also as a witness against Alexander. She is 22 years old and was described by one of the government agents who testified the alleged bribe offer as a "brilliant brunette beauty." She is of medium height and handsomely gowned.

District Attorney Charles F. Clynne, Michael L. Igoe, his first assistant, Hinton G. Clabaugh, head of the local division of the department of justice, and Lucien C. Wheeler, an agent working under Clabaugh, manifested added reluctance to accept the case when Miss Cope first brought before them her accusation against Alexander. It was stated today in the district attorney's office.

In the end, according to a formal statement issued by Igoe, she proposed and formulated the proposal in a written agreement that if the government officials would assist her in extorting \$50,000 from Alexander, she would give them half of it to be split among them. The other half of the sum she said she would keep, and out of it she must pay her attorneys, she said, according to Igoe.

Igoe said that her attorney at Los Angeles was named Terrell and her other lawyer in Providence named Thomly. He did not know the other names.

Igoe's statement follows: "On the arrest of Colonel Charles Alexander at Providence yesterday the press reports declared that both he and his attorney charged the complainant, Miss Cope, with attempted blackmail. Hinton G. Clabaugh, division superintendent of the department of justice, today has wired the attorney for Mr. Alexander requesting any and all information to support this alleged charge. During the investigation of the complaint of Miss Cope by federal officials at Chicago suspicion as to her good faith in the matter existed."

Miss Cope had many conferences with Mr. Igoe as well as with Mr. Clabaugh. Finally she made the bold proposition that the government officials should aid her in obtaining \$50,000 from Colonel Alexander for her injured innocence. Miss Cope went much into details concerning her offer and finally made out an agreement in her own handwriting in which it is set forth that the government officials should aid her in obtaining the sum mentioned on such efforts on their part she would pay them \$25,000 which was to be divided equally between the following men: Charles F. Clynne, United States district attorney; Michael L. Igoe, assistant United States district attorney; Hinton G. Clabaugh, division superintendent, department of justice, and Lucien C. Wheeler, a special agent of the department.

"Miss Cope explained further that out of her \$25,000 she would have to take care of her attorneys in Providence and Los Angeles. She stated that she had consulted prominent attorneys in both cities before coming to Chicago to make her complaint."

Declines to Comment on Arrest.
PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 5.—Henry W. Hayes, counsel for Colonel Charles Alexander, who was arrested yesterday for violation of the Mann "white slave" act on complaint of Miss Jessie Cope, of Los Angeles, Cal., declined tonight to comment on Miss Cope's arrest in Chicago on a charge of attempted bribery in connection with the case. It was said that Colonel Alexander had left the city.

Miss Cope and her mother were here in August and consulted attorneys as to possible procedure against Colonel Alexander.

Lived in Los Angeles.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Miss Jessie Cope, arrested today in Chicago, charged with attempting to bribe government officials in connection with the Alexander white slave case, lived here with her mother from last April to August. It was learned today and during those months frequently re-

SCHOONER SINKS: TWO DROWNED

Had Aboard 175 Tons Anthracite Coal Consigned to Hampton Merchant.

(By Associated Press.)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 5.—Two men were drowned and a third had a thrilling escape early today when the schooner William Donnelly, of Baltimore, coal laden from Hampton, foundered off Thimble Shoal, in Chesapeake Bay. The schooner was in command of Captain John R. Phillips. His nephew and one other man composed the crew. The vessel encountered severe weather and early last night began to leak. Between 3 and 4 o'clock this morning she went down suddenly, before those aboard had time to launch a boat. Captain Phillips managed to grasp a hatch cover as the schooner sank and after about six hours he was washed ashore near Willoughby Beach in Hampton Roads. He was later taken to Norfolk. The other two men went down with the schooner. The Donnelly had aboard 175 tons of anthracite coal consigned to a Hampton merchant.

Pollak Nobleman Killed

PARIS, Dec. 5.—(10:53 p. m.)—A Hayas Petrograd dispatch says that Prince Nicolas Radzwill, a Polish nobleman who was a captain of Russian dragoons, was killed in the fighting around Lodz.

DATE CHANGED FOR CONFERENCE

State Chairman Committees Will Meet in Washington on December 14.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The cotton loan committee announced tonight that the conference here with State chairman committees would be held December 14 instead of December 13, as previously announced.

W. F. G. Harding, chairman of the committee, announced tonight that telegrams from chairman of State committees, indicate general interest in the loan fund and large number of applications for loans.

Letters have been sent to State chairmen asking them to call meetings of State committees immediately for organization and appointment of local committees. Copies of the plan and application blanks are being mailed to all committeemen so that applications for Class B, certificates and loans may be received without waiting for the meeting of the cotton loan committee and State chairmen in Washington December 14.

It was believed in some quarters here tonight that applications for loans would total possibly \$20,000,000 by January 1. It became known tonight that many applications have been made which hitherto were unreported to Washington. It was said Oklahoma alone has asked for about \$1,000,000 and there are indications that Texas may want several million.

PETROGRAD, via Paris, Dec. 6.—(4:46 a. m.)—The following official communication has been issued: "Furious combats continue to rage on the Lovicz front, notably in the Lodz region and routes from the west toward Pietrkow."

"Fire from our machine guns and artillery caused great loss to the enemy."

"There has been no essential modification of the situation on the remainder of the front."

Thirty-Five Deaths and 918 Injuries

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Thirty-five deaths and 918 injuries were caused by baseball in 1914, according to figures made public today by a sport writer who tabulated the season's records.

Of the players who died from injuries 20 were hit by pitched balls, five were struck by bats, four were collisions, for overexerted themselves, one was hurt climbing to a base and one was killed in a fight.

Injuries to amateur players are classified as follows: Broken limbs, 314; concussion of brain, 18; fractured skulls, 13; paralysis, 4; sprains, 37; spiked, 26; fractures, 17; dislocations, 7; torn ligaments, 10.

Players hurt in the minor leagues number 115; American league 69; National league 61; Federal league 56; college teams eight.

collected Colonel Alexander, it was said Miss Cope's acquaintances said that she gave her friends to understand that she expected to marry Colonel Alexander.

FILE PROTESTS AGAINST NEW LAW

AMBASSADORS SAY ARIZONA'S EMPLOYMENT LAW IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

BRYAN WOULD NOT DISCUSS MATTER

Law Requires That 80 Per Cent of Employees Be Citizens of United States.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—In the absence of official advice, Secretary Bryan tonight refused to comment on a message from Governor Hunt announcing his decision to postpone the proclamation of Arizona's new anti-alien employment law, pending further communication from the state department. Formal protests against the law were lodged today by the British and Italian ambassadors and a message was sent to Governor Hunt asking if he had authority to postpone action. Mr. Bryan listened with interest to the governor's reply as carried in Associated Press dispatches, but would not discuss the matter.

The department is not advised of the full scope of the law, but it is known it requires a minimum of 80 per cent of the employees of any person or corporation in the State to be citizens of the United States. Governor Hunt also was asked to transmit the full text of the law.

The British protest attacks the law as in violation of the constitution amendment to the constitution of the United States which provides that no State shall deny to any person within its jurisdiction equal protection of the laws.

The Italian protest also attacks the amendment to the constitution of the United States, which provides that citizens of each nation resident in the other shall have liberty to carry on trade, wholesale and retail, to hire and occupy houses and warehouses, to employ agents of their own choice and generally to do anything incident or necessary for trade upon the same terms as natives of the country, submitting themselves to the laws there established.

The note presented by the British ambassador sought information as to the exact status of British residents in Arizona under the law. It was stated that British consuls there had sent word that suits to test the legality of the act were contemplated by British residents.

In reply the state department notified both embassies it had taken steps to obtain complete information as to the anti-alien act and expected soon to be able to furnish the desired information. As soon as the text of the Arizona law is available it will be subjected to study by the department's legal advisers, who will also look up court decisions based on anti-alien enactments of other States such as California, Oregon and New York.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 5.—Governor George Hunt, of Arizona, telegraphed the state department today that he would delay proclaiming the law voted at the November election forbidding the employment of more than 20 per cent of foreigners in any business in the State. Governor Hunt declared he was averse to delaying the proclamation, but would do so pending further advice from the state department.

The state department telegraphed Governor Hunt that the ambassadors of Great Britain and Italy had protested against the law and asked him if there were not some means by which he could suspend operation of the measure. The governor's telegram read:

"I am directed to issue a proclamation declaring the measure a law forthwith, upon receipt from the secretary of state of a certificate of the election returns. Forthwith broadly interpreted means with the reasonable time required to prepare the proclamation. I am very much averse to prolonging the period preceding the issuance of the proclamation but I realize the international aspect given by the protest of the Italian and British embassies and will await further advice from the department."

Reduction in Salaries of Railroad Officials

(By Associated Press.)
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 5.—Reduction in the salaries of all employees and officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway receiving \$200 or more per month were announced here today from the office of President Kenly. General depression of business was the reason given.

The reductions include every one from the president down. Employees and officials receiving \$200 per month were reduced 6 per cent; those receiving \$300 and over, 5 per cent, and those over \$400, 10 per cent.